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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Press Reports on Testimony Before Stennis
Preparedness Subcommittee

1. This memorandum is for the information of the Director of Central Intelligence.

2. Mr. James Kendall, Counsel of the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee, called to advise that the Subcommittee is not at all in sympathy with the reports appearing in the press concerning possible failure by CIA or responsibility in the Agency for reported failures. "It is their understanding that Mr. McCone was the most concerned about this matter prior to and during the period of the build-up."

3. The Subcommittee intends to develop this matter in keeping with their feeling on the subject in the hearings by Admiral V. L. Lowrance and General Fitch.

4. Mr. Kendall closed the conversation with the offer that if the Agency has any questions that might be used in developing this line of testimony the Subcommittee would be pleased to use them.